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# OLIVE-DRAB SERVICE UNIFORM

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TO

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Officers and Employees of the  
United States Public Health Service*

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In accordance with the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, U. S. Code, title 42, sec. 3, and paragraphs 263-278 of the Regulations for the Government of the United States Public Health Service, approved June 18, 1931, the following supplemental regulations for uniforms to be worn by officers of the Service are hereby prescribed and published for the government of all concerned.

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Approved June 4, 1941.

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1. **When to wear olive-drab uniform.**—Olive-drab uniform shall be worn by officers of the United States Public Health Service only on such duties as are designated by the Surgeon General.

2. **Material.**—For coats, breeches, trousers, and caps shall be olive-drab cotton, gabardine, serge, baratheia, or whipcord.

3. **Coat.**—(a) *General style.* To be single-breasted sack coat; buttoned down front with four regulation large-size buttons (pl. 17, Uniform Regulations) equally spaced; top button approximately  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches above line joining arm pits, bottom button at waistline. Cut with slight flare at bottom, which extends 1 to 2 inches below crotch; slit in back from waistline with underlap of approximately  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Two metal hooks of same material as metal trimmings on leather belt to be let into side seams at waistline to support belt.

(b) *Collar and lapel.*—Collar to be approximately  $15\frac{1}{2}$  inches for 36-inch chest, measured along outside edge, not wider than  $1\frac{5}{8}$  inches at back seam or  $2\frac{7}{8}$  inches at junction with lapel. Opening notch between collar and lapel to be between  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide and approximately  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches in depth. Lapels to cross approximately  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches above top button of coat.

(c) *Shoulder loops.*—To be of same material as coat, let in at sleeve head seam and reaching to approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch under collar, buttoning at collar edge with small regulation service button (pl. 17, Uniform Regulations). Loops to be about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide at lower end,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches at collar edge and cross-stitched down to shoulder for a distance of about 2 inches from lower end.

(d) *Pockets.*—To have four outside pockets, two upper and two lower, with flaps, buttoned with small regulation coat buttons at center. Upper pockets to be patch pockets, with flap buttons on line with top coat button; depth,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches; width,  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inches. Lower pockets to be hung inside lining, attached to body of coat only at mouth; top lines of flaps to be placed slightly below waistline; depth, 10 inches; width at top,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches; at bottom, 10 inches.

(e) *Sleeves and cuffs.*—Cuff closed, without buttons. A band of brown braid,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide, the lower edge 3 inches from end of sleeve.

(f) *Lining.*—Coat may be lined or not. Lining to be of same color as coat, of Venetian silk or mohair serge. Coats may be full-lined, half-lined, or quarter-lined.

(g) *Seaming.*—Plain.



(h) *Edges*.—Coats made of lightweight materials to have stitching close to edge.

4. **Trousers**.—Material to match the coat, or of a lighter shade, and to be cut on lines of civilian trousers, without cuffs, and provided with belt loops. Two side pockets, one watch pocket, two hip pockets.

5. **Breeches**.—Material to match the service coat, but may be lighter in color, without stripe, welt, or cord, cut snug at the waist, top to be about 2 inches above hip bone, full in the seat and loose in the thigh, tight for about 3 inches immediately below the knee and balance of the length looser. To be fastened from the knee down with small russet brown buttons or with laces of appropriate color. To have a strapping of the same material on the inside of leg at the knee, extending to a little below the top of legging or boot and from 6 to 8 inches above the knee. Two top pockets, one watch pocket, two hip pockets with flap and button. To be provided with belt loops.

6. **Overcoat**.—To be of suitable olive-drab woolen material, double-breasted, lined or unlined, with shawl-roll collar approximately 6 inches wide, buttoned down front with double row of overcoat buttons, 45 ligne, of horn, vegetable ivory, or bone to match color of coat, 3 on each side below the roll of collar, with additional buttons or loops for buttoning coat at the neck. Loops of same material as coat to be provided at side seams for all-around belt of same material as coat. Coat to extend to 6 inches above knee, with slit in the back from bottom upward about 15 inches, and to have two outside patch pockets. Shoulder loops of same material as coat, about 5 inches long, let in at head seam and buttoning at upper end with small regulation service button. Loops to be about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches at lower end, and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches at upper end, which will be slightly pointed.

7. **Raincoat**.—To be of suitable material and color that may be worn in inclement weather.

8. **Shirts**.—(a) *For wear with coat*. Olive-drab, collar of turn-down pattern, or plain white cotton or linen, without stripe or figure, with attached or detached medium-height turn-down collar.

(b) *For wear without coat*.—Olive-drab, wool or cotton, collar attached (collar to be of neat turn-down pattern). On each shoulder a loop of same material as shirt, let into sleeve head seam and reaching to edge of collar, buttoning at the upper end with small regulation service button. Loops to be about 2 inches in width at lower end,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches at collar end, and cross-stitched down to shoulder for a distance of 2 inches from lower end.

9. **Neckwear**.—With regular coat and trousers, plain black four-in-hand pattern without stripe or figure. A khaki tie to be worn with khaki uniform without coat.

**10. Shoes.**—Tan, cordovan, or russet leather, high shoes to be worn with puttees of same color; low-cut shoes to be worn with trousers if desired.

**11. Socks.**—Brown socks, without decorative figures.

**12. Leggings.**—Tan, cordovan, or russet leather, molded to conform to the contour of the leg, fitting closely at top and bottom.

**13. Boots.**—Field boots, for wear in inclement weather, to be of good quality russet leather, waterproof, commercial pattern, laced to the top and provided with bellows tongue.

**14. Belts.**—(a) Sam Browne pattern, of mahogany brown leather.

(b) Waist belts will be worn when the service shirt is worn without coat. They may be worn at other times if desired.

**15. Cap.**—Olive-drab serge or whipecord (18–20 ounce).

(a) *Braid.*—Olive-drab luster mohair  $1\frac{7}{8}$  inches wide.

(b) *Lining.*—Tan satin of light weight, with oval isinglass stitched to center of lining, measuring about 6 by  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

(c) *Body band.*—To be made of close-woven jute canvas  $2\frac{1}{8}$  inches wide. Front to be stiffened with furniture haircloth.

(d) *Sweat leather.*—About  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches wide, first quality roan leather.

(e) *Visor.*—Mahogany brown oak-tanned full grain strap leather over body piece of oak-tanned split leather, lined with embossed green hatters' leather, all securely cemented to the body. The visor to be cut to slope at an angle of  $55^\circ$  from the vertical when attached to cap; to be bound on outer edge with binding which is to be the same as the top piece of visor to a depth of  $\frac{3}{16}$  of an inch; greatest width of visor about  $2\frac{1}{8}$  inches.

(f) *Chin strap.*—To be fitted with neatly embossed chin strap of same color as visor, to be in two parts, each part about  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches long,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide, cut so as to form a slide.

(g) *Eyelets.*—Two on each side of cap inserted through the quarters about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches from top of crown.

(h) *Buttons.*—Two small regulation service buttons.

(i) *Design.*—The height of the cap to be about  $3\frac{5}{8}$  inches, crown measuring when finished about  $10\frac{3}{4}$  inches across the top from front to back between the seams, and about 10 inches from side to side at widest part. Measurements based on cap size 7; all sizes above or below this size to be  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch larger or smaller, respectively. The crown to be finished with grommet and stiffening in front where necessary. Cap device the same as described in paragraph 35 (e) of the Uniform Regulations, attached at front center line of cap.

**16. Cap cover.**—Cap cover shall be of lightweight olive-drab sheeting, made water repellent by a rubberized process.



**17. Hat.**—Service field hat to be of felt, beaver color, of shape known as Montana Peak, crown  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches deep, with four indentations, and trimmed with olive-drab band and bow  $1\frac{5}{16}$  inch in width. Hat to be ornamented with a double cord  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch in diameter, of gold bullion or gold-colored silk for the Surgeon General, and of gold bullion or gold-colored silk mixed with black silk, with acorns of same material as cord, for other officers.

**18. Gloves.**—Gray buckskin gloves may be worn with olive-drab service uniform when necessary.

**19. Insignia.**—(a) *Coat.* The letters "U. S." (pl. 17 of Uniform Regulations) will be worn on the collar horizontally, lower edge  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above horizontal line of lapel, the prolongation of a vertical line through center of "U. S." to intersect horizontal line of lapel about  $1\frac{7}{16}$  inches from point of lapel. Appropriate corps device (pls. 16 and 17, Uniform Regulations) to be worn horizontally on lapel, upper edge  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch below horizontal line of lapel and centered below on "U. S." On each shoulder loop of coat will be worn the appropriate shoulder insignia for grade.

(b) *Overcoat.*—On each shoulder loop will be worn the appropriate shoulder insignia for grade.

(c) *Shirt.*—An officer in shirt sleeves shall wear the letters "U. S." on right side of collar and corps device on left side, each 1 inch from end of collar; and on each shoulder loop the appropriate insignia of grade.





